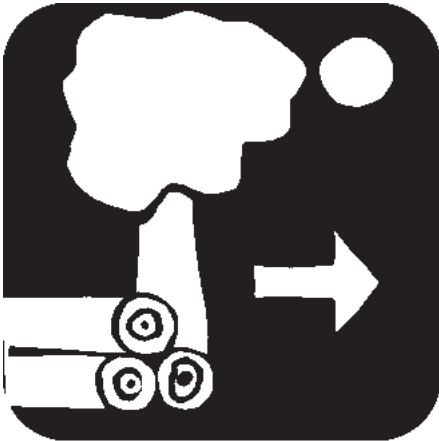


Building a Safe Campfire



Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass and leaves.

Start with dry twigs and small sticks.



Keep the campfire small. A good bed of coals or a small fire surrounded by rocks gives plenty of heat. Use an existing fire ring.

Add larger sticks as the fire builds up.



Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread.

Put the big pieces on last, pointing them toward the center, and pushing them into the flames.



Putting Out A Campfire



Keep plenty of water handy and have a shovel for throwing dirt on the fire if it gets out of control.

Stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Be sure all burned material has been put out and cooled.



Be sure your match is out cold. Break it so you can feel the charred portion before discarding it.

Feel all materials with your bare hand. Make sure that no roots are burning.



Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet. Move rocks - there may be burning embers underneath.

Campfires may be banned if wildfires are likely. Watch for signs and obey them.

